

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting Minutes November 7, 2013
Wallace State Office Bldg., 1st Floor East/West Conference

Appointed SSCC Members in Attendance:

Kelly Tobin, Chair, SSCC Member, New Market
Paula Ellis, Incoming SSCC Member, Donnellson
Dale Farnham, SSCC Member, Ames
Vance Hjelm, SSCC Member, Lake Park
Jody Kerns, SSCC Member, Edgewood
Sherman Lundy, SSCC Member, Cedar Falls (attended at Central Office)
Tim Palmer, SSCC Member, Truro

Staff in Attendance:

Todd Coffelt, DSC, Bureau Chief
Mike Franklin, DSC, Environmental Specialist Sr.
Jim Gillespie, DSC, Division Director
Jake Hansen, DSC, Bureau Chief
Matt Lechtenberg, DSC, Water Quality Coordinator
Tarrita Spicer, DSC, Administrative Assistant, Note Taker

Ex Officio Members and Advisors in Attendance:

Larry Beeler, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Steve Hopkins, Department of Natural Resources
John Lawrence, Iowa State University
Dave Shanahan, Cherokee County Engineers Association

Additional Attendees:

Amber Kenan, State Secretary Greene County
Deb Kozel, Legislative Services Agency
Chip Mathis, Polk County Commissioner
Mike Naig, IDALS, Deputy Secretary
Cindy Valin, Polk County Commissioner
Jennifer Welch, Urban Conservationist

Absent

Jean Eells, SSCC Member, Webster City
Charles McCullough, SSCC Member, Bernard
Vince Sitzmann, DSC, Bureau Chief

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

****Introductions of attendees****

2013 – 34 Jody made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 – 35 Sherm made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2013, conference call meeting. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bureau Chief Reports

- Mines & Minerals – Coffelt (hardcopy of report with file)
- Water Resources – Hansen (hardcopy of report with file)
 - WIRB meeting 11/08/13
- Field Services – Sitzmann (hardcopy of report with file)

- Director's Report – Gillespie (hardcopy of report with file)

Partner Reports

- Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Hopkins (hardcopy of report with file)
- Iowa State Extension – Lawrence/Al-Kaisi (hardcopy of report with file)
- Conservation Districts of Iowa – Lindahl (hardcopy of report with file)
- Natural Resource Conservation Service – Larry Beeler (hardcopy of report with file)
- *Leopold Center – Farnham
- *County Engineers - Shanahan

Old Business:

- SSCC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates – Spicer (hardcopy of report with file)
- Partnership Day, January 28, 2014 – Jackie Suckow (hardcopy of report with file)

Subcommittee Reports:

- Planning Subcommittee:
 - Fall ISAC Meeting – Nov. 14th, Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center
 - Review presentation
 - CDI Resolution #5: Change in Iowa Code to change commissioner elections.
 - The committee didn't believe this was a bad concept but the language was not clear enough. Suggestion will be made that they work with Deb Kozel of the Legislative Services Agency to update.

- 2013 – 36** Tim made a motion to not support CDI Resolution #5. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- SSCC Research & Demonstration Grant Process
 - Will RFPs be focused requests going forward; committee members brainstorm ideas on how to proceed.
 - Soil, Water & Mineral Resources:
 - Priority Watershed Application
 - Buena Vista SWCD – North Raccoon River
 - Clarke SWCD – West Lake
- 2013 – 37** Sherm made a motion to approve both the Buena Vista and Clarke SWCD Priority Watershed applications. Jody seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- CDI Resolution
 - #3: Revise Prescribed Grazing Practice to Exclude the Requirement of Native Grass Paddocks.
 - #4: Eliminate the 30% restriction on the amount cost share that can be used to fund residue and management practices and temporary practices.
 - #9: Assisting Local Unites of Government
- 2013 - 38** Tim made a motion to support resolution #9 with up to 30% cap of their allocation. Sherm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2013 – 39** Jody made a motion to approve resolutions #3, #4 and as amended #9. Sher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- District Operations:
 - Discussion on Nitrogen Stabilizers as a cost share practice – led by Tim Palmer
 - Iowa Storm Water Education Program SSCC13 Grant Extension Request
- 2013 – 40** Jody made a motion to approve \$300 of the \$950 unspent publication dollars to be used for a Technical Bulletin, with review by DSC-SSCC regarding the use of the logo prior to distribution. Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- DSC – Quality Steering Team - Annual Report to the SSSC
- 2014 SSSC Meeting Calendar

2013 – 41 Jody made a motion to approve the 2014 SSSC meeting calendar. Sherm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy

- Lee SWCD: The Lee SWCD would like to request approval of resignation of Colleen Krogmeier due to family obligations and would like to recommend for appointment Patricia Koller, Donnellson, Charleston Township to this vacancy.

2013 – 42 Dale made a motion to approve the resignation of colleen Krogmeier and appointment of Patricia Koller to the Lee SWCD. Sherm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSSC Member Reports

- Jody: Tree Farmer of the Year in Marshalltown. Emerald Ash Boar quarantined trees in her county. Attended Sunday at the Quarry in Sherms area.
- Tim: Attended Governor's Seminar for appointees on Oct. 7th.
- Sherm: Sunday at the Quarry had 750 people in attendance. Working with ILPA, Earth Resources Program for teachers for a 2 night, 3 day summer program in 2014.
- Vance: IA Great Lakes meeting in October. Silver Lake Watershed meeting at the Nature Center.
- Dale: Tour through Eastern Story County; 4 Mile Creek Watershed Authority meeting and also appointed to the committee.
- Paula: planted 200 acres of cereal rye; attended commissioner meeting in her area.
- Kelly: Attended State Technical meeting last week; would like to recommend the SSSC make a push for cover crops on every acre in Iowa. The Soil, Water & Minerals subcommittee will meet to discuss.

Future Meetings:

December 5	Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Wallace Building 9:00 a.m. for a sub-committee meeting if needed Election of 2014 Chair/Vice Chair of SSSC
January 27 th	SSSC/CDI Monday, 3:00 p.m. <i>Rooms can be reserved at: Country Inn & Suites, 1350 NW 118th St, Clive, IA, by January 13, 2014, 515-223-9254. Mention: Soil and Water block of rooms</i> Partnership Day, Tuesday, 28 th 8:00 a.m.
February	NO MEETING
March 3 rd	Monday, 6:30 p.m., Hotel TBD, Ames 6 p.m. for a Sub-committee meeting if needed

Other Meeting:

January 28-30 th	2014 Iowa Power Show – Iowa Events Center
-----------------------------	---

Spring Regionals:

February 25 th	Reg. 8 - Taylor – 10:00 a.m. Reg. 9 - Wayne – 4:00 p.m.
February 26 th	Reg. 6 - Polk - 10:00 a.m.
February 27 th	Reg. 7 - Cedar – 10:00 a.m. Reg. 4 - Dubuque – 4:00 p.m.

March 12th Reg. 1 – Plymouth – 10:00 a.m.
 Reg. 5 – Harrison – 4:00 p.m.

March 13th Reg. 3 – Hardin – 10:00 a.m.
 Reg. 2 – Webster – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

**No report*